

providing a first orientation associated with the image;

storing the image, including storing the information relating to the first orientation

associated with image;

providing a second orientation associated with the image capture unit, the second

orientation capable of being different from the first orientation;

determining whether the first orientation is different from the second orientation;[

decompressing the image;]and

displaying the image in the second orientation on the display of the image capture unit.

18. (Amended) A system for viewing images in an image capture unit comprising:

an image associated with a first orientation[, the image being a previously captured image];

means for storing the image, including storing information relating to the first orientation associated with the image;

a second orientation associated with the image capture unit, the second orientation capable of being different from the first orientation, wherein it is determined whether the first orientation is different from the second orientation; and

a display, in the image capture unit, to display the image in the second orientation;

wherein the image is [decompressed] rotated from the first orientation to the second orientation when the first orientation is different from the second orientation for viewing on the display of the image capture unit.

Please cancel claim 19.

~~34. (Amended) A digital camera capable of displaying an image having a first orientation, [the image being a previously captured image,] the digital camera comprising:~~

~~means for capturing the image;~~

~~means for storing the image in a compressed format image and storing the first orientation;~~

~~means for determining a second orientation associated with [of] the digital camera, the second orientation capable of being different from the first orientation;~~

~~means coupled with the determining means for comparing the first orientation and the second orientation;~~

~~means coupled with the determining means for rotating the image from the first orientation to the second orientation if the first orientation is different from the second orientation; and~~

~~a display coupled with the rotating means for displaying the image in the second orientation.~~

Please add claims:

~~35. 36.~~ The method of claim 1 wherein the step of displaying the image includes the steps of:

~~retrieving the image that was previously stored;~~

~~decompressing the image if the image was compressed during the storing step; and~~

~~displaying the image in the second orientation currently associated with the camera on the display of the image capture unit.~~

~~36. 37.~~ The system of claim 18 wherein the image is a previously stored image that is retrieved, decompressed the image if the image was compressed during the storing step and

displayed in the second orientation currently associated with the camera on the display of the image capture unit.

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38. The digital camera of claim 34 wherein the image is a previously stored image that is retrieved, decompressed the image if the image was compressed during storage and displayed in the second orientation currently associated with the camera on the display of the digital camera.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 28, 1999. Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 18 and 34. Applicants have also canceled claim 19. Applicants have also added claims 36-38. Consequently, claims 1-18 and 20-38 remain pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Final Office Action, the Examiner also rejected claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being incomplete for omitting essential steps. In particular, the Examiner stated that claims 1 and 18 omitted the step of compressing the image, while including the step of decompressing the imager. The Examiner rejected claims 2-17 and 19-33 and being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 to recite the step of "storing" the image and associated orientation information relating to the image, rather than decompressing the image. Consequently, claims 1 and 18 no longer state that the image is decompressed and do not indicate that the image must be compressed. Consequently, claims 1 and 18 are clear and definite. Claims 2-17 and 20-33 are thus also clear and definite.

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